

REMARKS

In the Office Action under reply, restriction was required as follows:

Group I claims 1-14 and 37-43, directed to apparatus for writing a picked up image signal on a first medium, for reading that image signal from the first medium and for writing the read signal on a second medium; and

Group II claims 15-36 and 44-53, directed to apparatus in which the signal read from the second medium is mixed with the picked up image signal, and the mixed signal is written on the first medium.

Without commenting on the accuracy of the Examiner's characterization of the subject matter of the respective groups of claims, Applicant elects, **without traverse**, Group I claims 1-14 and 37-43 for further prosecution in the present application. To simplify the prosecution of this application, non-elected claims 15-36 and 44-53 are cancelled.

Applicant reserves his right to file a divisional application to re-present the nonelected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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